



# Office of the City Clerk

Weekly Report – for Week Ending June 3, 2016

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## Elections

A coalition of labor unions and housing advocates gathered nearly 100,000 signatures for a ballot measure that would force real estate developers to provide affordable housing when they want to build bigger projects than City rules would otherwise allow. The plan, dubbed Build Better L.A., needed to get roughly 62,000 valid signatures to qualify for the November ballot. The [proposed ballot measure](#) would impose new requirements on building projects that seek exemptions from planning and zoning rules, including those that limit building height or density. In addition to requiring affordable housing, the ballot measure also seeks to ensure that a percentage of construction jobs on such projects go to local residents. The City Clerk must now examine the signatures and determine whether the proposal has enough valid signatures to move forward. With assistance from 30 as-needed employees, staff began the random sample signature verification phase for this petition.

On June 1, a staff member was interviewed on Telemundo regarding the upcoming Federal, State, and Municipal elections.

Staff coordinated 10 voter outreach activities: eight at Pierce College, one at Oscar Romero Charter Middle School, and one at a naturalization ceremony held at a library. Clerk employees conducted voter outreach to 311 individuals and registered 60 voters.

## 2016 Neighborhood Council (NC) Elections

Last Friday was the last day to accept Westwood NC vote-by-mail applications. Elections Division processed 323 applications, mailed out 297, and received 109 envelopes back as of May 31.

## Business Improvement Districts

On May 31, 2016, the RFQ for BID consultants was placed on BAVN and listed on the California Downtown Association newsletter.

## Records Management

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, the City Archivist and the Los Angeles City Historical Society will be presenting the video and film collection of the City Archives, *"THIS IS LOS ANGELES, Movies Made By and About the City,"* at the Los Angeles Public Library at 2:00 p.m. in the Mark Taper Auditorium.

## Systems:

Pilot testing of the Novus agenda package for three Neighborhood Councils -- Tarzana, Valley Village and Canoga Park -- began on June 1 and will continue for the rest of the month. If there are no major changes, it is anticipated that full implementation for all the NCs will be completed by the end of July 2016.

## Administrative Services

Staff is working on salary charts for upcoming changes in June as specified by EAA MOU agreement. This requires working with Controller's office on upcoming June increases for Council and Mayor's office employees. There is a meeting with the Controller's on June 8th to solidify the process.

Staff met with the Office of Finance and Empower LA on Wednesday and Friday to discuss the transfer of Empower LA's NC funding program to the City Clerk. Outstanding issues include the selection of new bank to replace the current one, Union Bank, and ensuring that all relevant Municipal and Administrative Codes' section are changed to reflect the Clerk's new role in the NC system.

## Issue(s)

None.

## Upcoming

NC elections for Region 11 will take place on June 5.